

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
May 8, 2007

ATTENDING: Mayor John Ross
Council Members: Sarah Barbour, Greg Crosby,
Kendall Spence, Jo Waybright
Attorney Ken Swain
Finance Officer – Cheryl Bennett
Absent: Village Clerk – Cheri Clark

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John Ross called the Regular Session of the Village of Lake Park Council to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor John Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Session – April 10, 2007 Kendall Spence made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jamie Underwood from Turning Point thanked the Council for allowing her time to make a presentation as a representative from Turning Point. She informed those attending that Turning Point was a shelter for battered women and their children. It is always open. Services they offer are counseling, functional living, legal advocate, educating teens to prevent dating violence, transitional housing and a thrift store. She requested support for this service organization

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Sandy Coughlin requested Waste Collection be removed from the agenda. Greg Crosby made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

SECURITY REPORT: Sarah Barbour reported that Deputy Jason Miles' last day as a deputy for Village of Lake Park will be Friday, May 11, 2007. Although officer Miles was not present, Mayor Ross read a plaque from the Village of Lake Park thanking him for his outstanding service from February of 2006 to May 2007.

FINANCE REPORT: Finance Officer Cheryl Bennett stated a CD had matured and she had renewed it at a good interest rate. She shared the audit proposal was \$4100. The 2007-2008 proposed budget will cover that expense. Sandy Coughlin made a motion to approve the audit contract proposal in the amount of \$4100. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Ms. Bennett presented the Proposed Budget for 2007-2008 as agreed upon at the annual budget workshop on April 28, 2007. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for June 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. followed by the

Regular Council Meeting The tax rate will remain the same. Significant points and adjustments are noted in the Budget Message. Kendall Spence made a motion to move \$30,000 from the Fund Balance to Park and Recreation to cover cost of Carillon replacement chimes, tennis court maintenance, and additional maintenance expenses. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

TAX OFFICER’S REPORT: Tax Officer Cheri Clark is attending tax school the second week in May.

COMMUNICATION: Greg Crosby asked all articles for the next Villager be sent to him by May 28th. He also announced the VOLP minutes for the last year are now available on the website.

PARK AND RECREATION: Kendall Spence made a motion to approve \$2,000 for 8 new replacement umbrellas for the 2007 pool season. There will be 4 blue and 4 green Sunbrellas and should last 6-8 years. The funds will come from pool maintenance. Existing stands will be used.

Jo Waybright shared the Park and Recreation Commission determined there is a need for new Patriotic banners. Jo Waybright made a motion to purchase 50 Sunbrella Patriotic two-sided banners, 18”X36, and 20 sets of brackets at the cost of \$4,000. Kendall Spence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. The expense will come from seasonal decorations.

Kendall Spence suggested advertising the pool and membership information. They will seek information regarding size/prices for an ad for Council consideration.

In a written message from Norris Jeffrey regarding a fish kill in Veterans pond he shared he thought the cause was lack of oxygen and what is know as “turnover” that some ponds experience in the spring. Nature should take care of the clean-up within a few days. Discussion of moving the one swan from Alden pond to a safe environment was reviewed favorably. Mr. Jeffrey inquired about insurance coverage for volunteers. Sarah Barbour and Cheryl Bennett will inquire.

June 16th, 2:00, is the time set for the dedication of the William Mac Currence Memorial Garden and Chamber Room. A dedication stone for the garden and a sign for the Chamber room will be placed at those sites. Placement of molding in the Chamber room and painting are also planned. Kendall Spence made a motion to approve \$1,935 for painting of the Community Center from the Community Center maintenance portion of the budget. Jo Waybright seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

STREET BUSINESS: Mayor Ross reported sidewalk repair is still in progress. It was noted that 13 panels are the responsibility of Park and Recreation. There is continued interest and work being done to encourage installation of a stop light at the corner of Faith Church Road and Indian Trail-Unionville Road.

Following up on a request from Lake Park Academy, Mayor Ross suggested installation of a culvert rather than building of a foot bridge along the proposed path for a 5K trail.. Lake Park Academy would pay the cost. It was noted that Lake Park Academy would need to provide a waiver for liability insurance to the Lake Park Office.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Sandy Coughlin reported a successful meeting of the EDC last month. She shared the organization and interest was definitely having a good effect on the business community. The Town Center is nearly completely rented and all residential sites are sold.. She shared that Carrie Neller will be the new Administrator at the Lake Park Academy.

SET AGENDA FOR June 12, 2007: Set Public Hearing for presentation of the Budget. Message and the Proposed 2007-2008 Village Of Lake Park Municipal Budget. Use same agenda as last year. Immediately following the above meeting will be the Regular Session of the Village of Lake Park Council. Include Waste Collection on the agenda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Jo Waybright shared that resident, Mr. Petro, passed away April 16th. She also shared that the SAGES would be celebrating 10 years of existence Friday night.

Kendall Spence recognized the excellent service and work with Lake Park and the Youth from Deputy Jason Miles. He will be greatly missed.

Greg Crosby shared that the Cub Scout Master may soon be asking permission to close a road for an annual scout project/activity.

ADJOURN: Kendall Spence made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Greg Crosby. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor John H. Ross

Sarah R. Barbour, substitute for
Village Clerk, Cheri Clark